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SUBJECT: WEO MEETING APRIL 6: SLATES

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SUMMARY: AT WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS (WEO) GROUP MEETING ON APRIL 6, NO FURTHER CANDIDATES WERE ENDORSED. US NAMED RONALD L. GAINER AS CANDIDATE FOR COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL AND ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY FOR PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR WORLD CONFERENCE ON STATUS OF WOMEN. DURING DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAIN COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS CANADA AND AUSTRIA SUPPORTED RUDOLF SCHMIDT, FRG MEMBER OF ACABQ, AS CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE. IF WEO GOES FOR FIFTH COMMITTEE, BELGIUM WILL ALSO SUBMIT CANDIDATE. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION CONCERNING POSSIBLE WEO CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIRD OR SIXTH COMMITTEES. AMBASSADOR DE PINIES (SPAIN) REPORTED ON FIRST MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP ON 32ND GA ASIAN ITEM ON COMPOSITION OF UN BODIES.

1. WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS (WEO) GROUP MET APRIL 6 UNDER CHAIRMAN LEPRETTE (FRANCE) FOR DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS SLATES QUESTIONS. RESULTS OF THE MEETING FOLLOW.

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2. ECOSOC ELECTIONS:

- (A) COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS: GREECE STATED IT WAS DEFINITELY A CANDIDATE.
- (B) COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND CO-ORDINATION: NORWAY ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR DENMARK AND RESERVED ITS INTEREST WHEN NORDIC SEAT NEXT BECAME VACANT. CANADA POINTED OUT THAT THE OTHER THREE CANDIDATES (BELGIUM, DENMARK, AND UK)

WERE GEOGRAPHICALLY CLOSE AND ALL EEC MEMBERS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ONE OF THE THREE WOULD WITHDRAW IN ORDER THAT CANADA MIGHT BE ABLE TO REPRESENT DIFFERENT ELEMENT OF THE WEO GROUP. CANADA ALSO REMARKED IT HAD BEEN THE FIRST WEO COUNTRY VOLUNTARILY TO TAKE A TURN OFF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. (OTHER THREE CANDIDATES ARE ALL SEEKING RE-ELECTION TO COMMITTEE.)

- (C) COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES: FINLAND ANNOUNCED ITS ENDORSEMENT BY NORDIC GROUP.

- (D) COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS: PORTUGAL WITHDREW ITS EXPRESSED INTEREST.

- (E) COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL: PORTUGAL WITHDREW ITS EXPRESSED INTEREST. THE FRG REFERRED TO ITS NOTE OF MARCH 21 NOMINATING ERICH CORVES AS ITS CANDIDATE. CANADA CITED ITS NOTE NOMINATING PAUL-ANDRE BISSONNETTE. IRELAND SAID IT WOULD NAME A CANDIDATE. TURKEY STATED IT HAD INFORMED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ITS CANDIDATE, PROF. DR. YILMAZ GUNAL, PROFESSOR OF PENAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF ANKARA. THE US ANNOUNCED DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL RONALD L. GAINER AS ITS CANDIDATE (STATE 81116 AND 86311).

IN A NOTE DATED MARCH 29, THE NETHERLANDS NOMINATED MRS. J. JUNGER-TAS AS CANDIDATE. (CURRENTLY THE FOLLOWING HAVE NAMED CANDIDATES: AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, GREECE, IRELAND, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, TURKEY, UK, US. AUSTRIA HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST.) THE FRG INQUIRED IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBERS HAD HEARD THAT ECOSOC ELECTIONS MIGHT BE POSTPONED TO 1979 DUE TO RESTRUCTURING. AUSTRALIA NOTED THERE WAS "CORRIDOR DISCUSSION" OF THIS POSSIBILITY BUT NO FORMAL PROPOSAL.

- (F) UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD: AUSTRIA WITHDREW ITS CANDIDACY IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION AS CANDIDATE FOR THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNDP.

- (G) UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: PORTUGAL WITHDREW ITS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN FAVOR OF GREECE.

3. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLE PERSONS: THE FRG WITHDREW ITS CANDIDACY BUT RESERVED INTEREST.

4. THIRTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

- (A) VICE-PRESIDENTS: CANADA ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS NOW A FIRM CANDIDATE IF THERE WERE NO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE TWO WEO POSTS BESIDES ITSELF AND SPAIN.

- (B) MAIN COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS: CANADA AND AUSTRIA SUPPORTED RUDOLF SCHMIDT, FRG MEMBER OF ACABQ, AS CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE. BELGIUM SAID THAT IF GROUP DECIDED TO GO FOR FIFTH COMMITTEE,

BELGIUM WOULD PRESENT A CANDIDATE. (COMMENT: AT THE LAST MEETING, AUSTRALIA, IRELAND AND AUSTRIA APPEARED TO FAVOR WEO INTEREST IN THE SIXTH COMMITTEE. IN VIEW OF THE AUSTRIAN SUPPORT OF SCHMIDT, IT NOW APPEARS TO FAVOR AN EFFORT FOR FIFTH COMMITTEE. RE STATE 87187, SENTIMENT IN GROUP FOR SEEKING THIRD COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP HAS WANED IN LIGHT OF FACT WEOS HELD POST IN 1976 AND THERE IS STRONG AND WELL-REGARDED EGYPTIAN CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION -- SAMIR SOBHY.)

5. SECURITY COUNCIL: ITALY ANNOUNCED THAT NEW GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED FIRM ITALIAN CANDIDACY VICE EXPRESSION OF

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INTEREST. MALTA CITED PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION IN  
REAFFIRMING ITS CANDIDACY.

6. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE: AUSTRIA AND SPAIN  
SAID THEY WOULD NOT BE PUTTING FORTH CANDIDATE.

7. ECOSOC: SPAIN COMMENTED THAT THE MEDITERRANEAN SUB-  
GROUP HAD AGREED THAT SPAIN WOULD REPLACE PORTUGAL  
AND TURKEY REPLACE GREECE. HE SUGGESTED THAT OTHER SUB-  
GROUPS MIGHT MAKE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS.

8. THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE NEW DUTCH PERMREP, HUGO  
SCHELTEMA, SHOULD REPLACE HIS PREDECESSOR, JOHAN KAUFMAN,  
AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC.

9. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR WORLD  
CONFERENCE ON STATUS OF WOMEN: DENMARK, BELGIUM,

AUSTRIA AND NORWAY ANNOUNCED FIRM CANDIDACIES.  
NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND AND UK EXPRESSED INTEREST.  
(UK REP SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD MISOFF HE WAS "BADLY BRIEFED"  
AND UK WAS FIRM CANDIDATE.) US ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY OF  
US REPRESENTATIVE ON COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN  
(HORBAL). THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMISSION  
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IS ALSO A CANDIDATE. GREECE SAID IT WOULD NOT HAVE A  
CANDIDATE.

10. BUREAU OF SSOD: NEW ZEALAND NOTED THAT SSOD WOULD  
PROBABLY CONDUCT MUCH OF ITS BUSINESS IN COMMITTEE  
OF THE WHOLE, WHICH WOULD HAVE A FIVE OR TEN-MEMBER  
BUREAU INCLUDING CHAIRMAN, RAPPORTEUR AND A NUMBER OF  
VICE CHAIRMAN. HE REMINDED MEMBERS OF DISCUSSION IN  
JANUARY 1978 CONCERNING THIS BUREAU, POINTING OUT  
GENERAL AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME THAT COUNTRIES NOT ON THE  
SSOD PREPCOM WOULD HAVE PREFERENCE FOR BUREAU POSITIONS.  
NEW ZEALAND WILL SUBMIT NAME OF PERMREP MALCOLM  
TEMPLETON AS CANDIDATE FOR RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE. GREECE SAID TI WILL NOMINATE A  
CANDIDATE FOR VICE CHAIRMAN. AUSTRALIA STRONGLY  
SUPPORTED NEW ZEALAND CANDIDACY. CANADA AND FINLAND BOTH  
SUPPORTED NEW ZEALAND AND GREEK CANDIDACIES.

11. SPAIN (DE PINIES) REFERRED TO THE ASIAN ITEM ON  
COMPOSITION OF UN BODIES (A/SPC/32/L.21), SPECIFICALLY  
TO THE CLAUSE SETTING UP A CONTACT GROUP OF TWO OR THREE  
REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS WHICH  
WOULD MEET INTERSESSIONALLY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASIAN GROUP. SPAIN, DENMARK AND  
AUSTRALIA HAD ATTENDED THE FIRST MEETING HELD APRIL 5  
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INDIAN PERMREP, WITH  
DE PINIES ACTING AS WEO SPOKESMAN. REPRESENTATIVES OF  
REGIONAL GROUPS HAD IN GENERAL RESTATED POSITIONS  
EXPRESSED DURING DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM IN THE  
SPC DURING THE 32ND GA. NO CONCLUSIONS WERE  
REACHED AND ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT AN  
UNSPECIFIED LATER DATE. DE PINIES IS PREPARING A  
DETAILED REPORT OF THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE SENT TO  
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